

Remarks/Arguments

The office action was issued in the present case on June 15, 2005, making a response due on or before September 15, 2005. Since this response is being submitted in a timely fashion, no extension fee is thought to be due. If any additional fee is due, however, for the continued prosecution of the case, please charge the same to Deposit Account **50-2555** (Whitaker, Chalk, et al.).

The case was filed with 37 total claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 4-6, 8, 10, 17-19, 23-25, 32, 34, 36 and 37 over the art of record. The claims which were previously in dependent form have been rewritten in independent form incorporating the features of any intermediate dependent claims. The remaining claims were canceled as being unnecessary to further define the invention.

Applicant has rewritten Claim 15 (now incorporated into remaining Claim 17) as suggested by the Examiner to clarify the antecedent basis problem regarding the single filter element shown in the drawings.

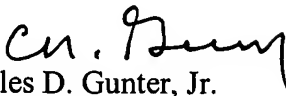
The Examiner also indicated that Claim 35 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112 rejection regarding the term "conventional" and to incorporate the features of any intervening claims. Applicant has accordingly amended Claim 35, as suggested by the Examiner, to place it in condition for allowance.

The case, as filed, had 5 independent claims and 32 dependent claims. After the amendment, there are 8 independent claims and 8 dependent claims remaining. Accordingly, Applicant is enclosing the \$300.00 fee for the three independent claims in excess of five. If any additional fee is due for the rewritten claims, please charge the same to Deposit Account **50-2555** (Whitaker, Chalk, et al.).

Based upon the above amendments, Claims 4-6, 8, 10, 17-19, 23-25, 32, 34 and 35-37 are thought to be allowable over the art of record, and an early notification of the same would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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